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John McMahon suggested that we provide this for background for the Chaffee Briefing.

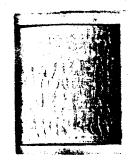
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Committee on Exchanges

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

History.

--An interagency committee to review exchanges has existed since the mid 1950's.

--The current Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) was established in

1975 and operates under DCI Directive 2/6.

--With the establishment in late 1981 of a new Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee (TTIC), COMEX will become one of the two permanent subcommittees (the other dealing with export control issues).

Principal Functions of COMEX.

--Ensures coordination of Intelligence Community interests in exchanges and commercial visits with USSR, Eastern Europe, and China.

--Advises State and other US Government agencies regarding technology transfer and intelligence implications of ongoing or contemplated exchanges and commercial contacts.

--Helps ensure adequate response to foreign intelligence collection

opportunities afforded by exchanges and commercial contacts.

--Under Secretary of Defense Ikle recently asked that COMEX review the technology transfer implications of Libyan student and commercial visitors to the US.

Responsible Components.

COMEX Members are from DoD, State, Commerce, Justice, and other	
elements of the Intelligence Community.	**
Current COMEX staff consists of persons from NFAC and DDO	25X1
(counting nonreimbursable detailees and part-time help).	
Efforts are underway to acquire a nonreimbursable detailee from	
the FBI and one from DoD.	
Current Chairman of COMEX is who also serves	25X1
as Chief of the NFAC Collection Requirements and Evaluation Staff.	